

Dear Board Members of the UCP Red Deer-South Constituency Association, and Nomination Contestants for the UCP Red Deer-South CA Nomination Event,

I'd like to thank you all for the hard you have put into growing the Constituency Association in Red Deer-South and the preparation you've made for an impending nomination event. I recognize that the CA is hopeful to have the nomination race begin at the earliest opportunity and I want to assure you that the party acknowledges your diligence and patience in this regard.

I need to inform you that while the nomination in Red Deer-South is important to the party, we will not be opening the race this calendar year. This decision is not a reflection on the state of readiness of the CA or of the party. To date, the party has held nomination events in 75 of 87 constituencies across the province. These have only been successful due to the efforts of the volunteer members of each CA and I trust that Red Deer-South will be no different. There are a number of highly qualified individuals who have stated their interest in the nomination and we know that the members of Red Deer-South will be well served by whomever is selected. However, due to the interest of a high profile individual to seek the nomination, as well as the Christmas holiday season that is rapidly approaching, the party has decided not to hold the nomination event until early next year.

I recognize that this may be disappointing for some of you to hear, but please understand that we're seeking what's best for the members of Red Deer-South and that this decision was made with the intention of providing as many qualified individuals the opportunity to seek the nomination in Red Deer-South as possible. Our intent has always been to hold a handful of nominations in 2019 to accommodate contestants who have professionally responsibilities that prevent them from seeking a nomination earlier in the cycle.

The date for the vote will be communicated to the membership once the nomination is actually opened. We are aware that Red Deer is hosting the Canada Games in February and will ensure that the nomination does not conflict with the Games.

We recognize the great efforts that have been made by your nomination contestants over the last several months. We encourage them and their teams to continue working hard through to the end. The members of Red Deer-South are well served by the hardworking CA volunteers and they will only benefit from the plethora of quality contestants that will be on the ballot when the nomination vote is held.

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Best Regards,

